

**BRAGG'S BAGS, ETC.
JOYCE BRAGG
CROCHET DESIGNER**

I taught myself to crochet and knit from learn how books when I was 18 years old. I began with the small thread making doilies and tablecloths. I expanded into afghans, ponchos, sweaters, and other garments and accessories. I have taught crochet classes sponsored by the Cape Fear Community College (in the 1980's). During the 1980's and 1990's, I crocheted Christmas ornaments and jewelry and sold them at craft shows. When public interest in the craft shows diminished, I kept crocheting. I joined the Crochet Guild of America 12 years ago and have attended conferences each year. I have attended classes on designing and publishing, as well as using combined stitches for texture and punch.

Since the year 2000, I have become a crochet and knitting designer. I have three hat designs published in "100 Hats to Crochet and Knit" by Sterling Publishing, December 2005; A purse design published in "Crochet Fantasy" magazine, Winter 2005; A knitted shawl design will be published this summer by Sterling Publishing for Rita Weiss; A purse and cape with hat to match will be published in Crochet Magazine, November 2006. I have submitted several other designs to publishers for approval.

The designing requires artistic and creative ability and lots of yarn and thread. I like to use the unusual. Thus, the reason for my presence at the Wilmington Riverfront Market is an effort to show the public and to get money to buy supplies to keep on designing.

My next ventures are to get a Website and to get my own book published.

I am almost 68 years old now and enjoying every minute of it. I can show you my creations at my home, 3316 Amber Drive, Wilmington, NC or in the Gallery area of Burgaw Antiqueplace, Burgaw, NC and soon, I hope, on my website. I take special orders.

If anyone is interested in crochet lessons, contact me at 910/791-1171 or email me at jbragg@ec.rr.com.

Coastal Creations Pottery

Debra Jones

After taking pottery classes for two years, I decided that I needed my own kiln and studio at my home at Holden Beach. I had been working as a Dental Assistant for thirty years and I felt that I needed to do something else with my life, something that I enjoyed. I have always been very creative and I found pottery to be my passion. The name of my business is Coastal Creations and I attend the Riverfront Farmer's Market on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. I am constantly making new things and experimenting with different glazes; therefore, I hope to have new things each week. I really enjoy the ocean and I try to portray this in my pottery by using seafans, shells and anything else that I may find at the beach. I also make crabs, seahorses, flounder and other sea life. I hope you enjoy my creations as much as I do making them.

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Information about the artist...



Scott Minter was born and raised in Roanoke, VA. He attended Longwood College in Farmville, VA and one semester at Derby University, England where he studied education and bummed around Europe. After college Scott continued his obsession with travel. He lived in California where he taught school and frequently spent long weekends and breaks exploring Baja California, Mexico. He returned to the East via a long trip spent zigzagging around America and Canada living from his car with his tent and trustworthy dog, Guinness.

Recently, in the last few years, Scott lived in Lima, Peru teaching English. There he kept a good photographic journal of his departing adventure hitch-hiking and bussing a south-eastern journey through Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay, and finally Brazil. He currently lives in Wilmington, NC and can be found there at the Wilmington City Market in downtown Wilmington.

About the camera...

The camera is a Minolta Maxxum. The pictures are from 35mm film. No picture has been enhanced or changed from the original negative.

About the art...

"I can not explain photography. I cannot explain the technical workings of a camera. Nor do I presume to have any artistic vision or masterminded plan in taking pictures. I just see a momentary scene in life and I take the picture. My favorite subjects are scenic landscapes, nature, old buildings, forgotten architecture, graveyard statues, animals, sunsets, and anything with water. My camera was a gift from my father, who is also a photographer. And like him, it is an older model but has much personality.



I take pictures because I enjoy it and also like to share my work and my adventures. I feel that by capturing a bit of foreign lands I will encourage everyone to take a look around the next corner."

JDK Designs

Joan Knowles

JDK Designs was created in 2004 out of my passion for jewelry. I have worked in the jewelry business since 1996, working seven of the ten years for the largest jewelry company in the world. I am a Certified Diamontologist through the Diamond Council of America (DCA). I am continuing my education with classes through the Gemological Institute of America (GIA).

Currently I offer Sterling Silver, Gemstone and Beaded Jewelry Designs. The jewelry ranges from everyday occasions, birthday and wedding gifts.

I attend the Riverfront Farmers' Market the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. Some of my designs can be viewed at <http://jdkdesigns.photosite.com>. I can also be reached at 910-395-5904 or e-mail: jdknowles@netzero.net.

PORTRAIT ART

Rachard McIntyre

Portrait Art is primarily located in Wilmington, North Carolina, and is mainly operated out of the artist's home. Rachard McIntyre, the artist, can be reached by phone at 794-4048. Portrait Art is a business that produces pencil-drawn portraits of people and pets. The artist creates black and white portraits from a photograph, and can also draw by having a person pose for him at a specified location or position. The artist would prefer to borrow a pet picture because animals don't tend to stand still.

Rachard sells a variety of artwork including copied prints, watercolor and acrylic paints, and small greeting cards for birthdays and holidays. Rachard keeps originals of his pictures in his sketchbook. The business has expanded throughout other areas of the state. During the last 3 years, Rachard has been to cities including Charlotte, Ashville, Durham, and Raleigh to sell his work. Rachard also takes part in many art shows around the community and was featured in Wilmington's *Star News* paper on January 4, 2006.

As an artist, Rachard uses an extraordinary method of creativity with tools like the HB #2 pencils for portraits. Rachard has been drawing since he was 8, but started nearly four years ago with his business, producing his first order in October of 2002.

In 2004, Rachard began making greeting cards with famous faces on the front, which proves to be his top seller. Rachard has never been to any art institution, but he took most classes in high school. People in Wilmington say Rachard's gift's lie in the details of his art. Residents and people elsewhere can visit Rachard at the Riverfront Farmers' Market or contact him by phone at the number above. People should buy from Rachard McIntyre because he's open to anyone, regardless of race or gender and can counted on for dependable, quality work done in a timely matter, at a fair price.



My name is Cynthia Tucker and I have been a resident of Wilmington since 1976. I have been designing hand-blown glass bead and sterling jewelry for 3 years, and now make the glass beads myself, which is a continuous learning process: With a torch, colored glass rods are melted and wound onto steel rods, called mandrels, into tiny works of art! Each bead is created one at a time and unique designs are achieved in the flame by shaping and decorating the bead, using different colors of glass. The beads are then placed in a kiln to anneal and cool slowly for many hours to insure strength and durability.

The beads are now ready and awaiting their turn to be incorporated with sterling silver parts to become one of a kind Earrings, Bracelets, Necklaces, and Watches. I also incorporate these beads when creating Eyeglass Necklaces and Name Badge Lanyards.

Another of my joys is catering tea parties, and because I so appreciate the implements used therein, I decided to incorporate the glass beads to make sterling or gold Teapot Earrings and Teapot Pendants. I also design Beaded Pewter Bookmarks (with a teapot theme!) My love of anything 'tea' has expanded the business to include Teacup Lamps and Teacup Birdfeeders, (the birds deserve a tea party, right?) Also, to make your own tea party more tasty, or for the discerning snack palate, I offer homemade Tea-time Cheddar Crisps, available by the bag, or in decorative tins. I use only the finest ingredients: Pure butter, sharp cheese, flour, and spices. After you've tasted one, you'll notice a surprise ending....a little kick!

Please visit my booth at the Riverfront Farmer's Market on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, and at Halyburton Park each and every Wednesday. My jewelry is also available locally in these fine stores: Garden of Beadin on Oleander Drive, and The Wilmington Tea Room on the Riverwalk.

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SILVER JEWELRY BY CARMACK:

Joyce and Chuck Carmack design and make unique wire silver jewelry with lead crystals and various other stones. They also do wood art which is unusual designs in wood done with a scroll saw. Their photographs of birds and local scenery can be purchased matted, framed, or in their line of note cards. The note cards can be sent as greeting cards or framed as gifts.

The Carmacks moved to Wilmington from Asheville in 1986, and are still learning and enjoying the many beautiful things this area offers. All of their products are hand-crafted at their home.

Thanks.

Joyce Carmack

Two Craftin' Mamas

The Two Craftin' Mamas are Andrea Davis, mother of 5-month old Avery, and Rebecca Hennis, mother of 10-month old Sydney. We specialize in an assortment of crafts and gifts including jewelry, wine charms, note cards, painted glassware and baby items such as shopping cart covers, burp cloths and tooth pillows. We have individually been crafting for years and have just combined our efforts for the Riverfront Farmers Market this year. All of our products are handmade and are available for custom orders.

Andrea Davis is a new first-time mom who stays at home with her daughter as well as running her own design business, Andrea Davis Designs. She specializes in custom window treatments, custom soft furnishings as well as the items she creates for the Riverfront Farmers Market. She has her certificate in Interior Design from the Sheffield School of Interior Design in New York City. The daughter of a crafter and artist, she combines a natural eye for design with professional training to create beautiful items from fabric and papers. She can be contacted at (910) 231-2934 and at andrealeighdavis@hotmail.com.

Rebecca Hennis is also a new first-time mom staying home with her daughter. Rebecca has a creative ability not only with her beautiful jewelry and painted items, but also in dance. Rebecca taught dance in Bladen County before the birth of her daughter and has a degree in dance from East Carolina. Her new business, Hennis Creations, is just one way she expresses her creative talent. Rebecca can be contacted at (910) 763-3537 and at pirateyoho@juno.com.

Upper Road Designs

Kelly Payne

Kelly Payne of Upper Road Designs produces handmade jewelry using a variety of techniques. A Wilmington native, and beach lover, Kelly incorporates shell work into her designs, as well as lamp work glass beads she makes herself.

"My collection is rather eclectic, and ranges from simple strands of strung glass or gemstones, to more complex wire-wrapped designs. I like to mix colors and textures and see what I come up with."

Kelly does custom special orders and has designed jewelry for everything from birthday presents to wedding parties. She has made jewelry for many years and has been participating in art and craft shows selling her jewelry for 5 years.

Her husband Matthew hand makes Adirondack chairs that are specially designed for comfort with contoured backs and seats, unlike most Adirondacks that have flat backs and seats. Matthew had done woodwork for over 20 years including custom furniture making.

We deliver within the Wilmington area.